

Openwork Stockings.

Are they Intoxicating? And if so, Should they not be Suppressed by the Authorities? Any Worn in Lancaster?

The position taken by the lady president of the Massachusetts Women's Christian Temperance Union adverse to openwork stockings on the feet of women has been criticised. "The openwork stocking," says Mrs. Stevenson, the president referred to, "is full of danger." This is especially true of the openwork stockings in Chicago, if the girls there have the kicking habit. It is contended by some that the Christian Temperance Union should confine its activities to a warfare upon intoxicants. But what is more intoxicating than a glimpse of a pretty foot through silken meshes? It is, therefore, entirely appropriate that the Temperance Union should take cognizance of it. It is believed by some that openwork stockings are worn in Baltimore. But there is no evidence of it except circumstantial or hearsay, as the Baltimore ladies handle their feet in such a reticent way that the most observant male citizen is left in doubt upon all subjects relating to them, except that they usually leave very small tracks in the sand. Mrs. Stevenson does not limit her criticism of openwork garments to the stockings. She says that lovely women wears too much openwork where it can be seen. The general opinion seems to be that those who are trying to battle the good old Massachusetts lady are doing so in the interest of the medical profession, by whom there can be no doubt the criticisms have been inspired. The wearing of openwork stockings with low shoes in cold weather, the wearing of openwork stuff on the arms and around the shoulders on the openwork street cars on the cool nights of summer and autumn, is the practice from which the medical profession extracts no small advantage. The doctor must live, and he looks to the woman for his living. If lovely woman does not get sick fast enough, then it is easy for the influential medical profession to suggest some new fashion that will make business. It is the common experience of medical men that those fashions which are most detrimental to health are always the most popular. What is easier, therefore, than for a physician to start an epidemic of influenza by promoting the use of openwork things for the feet, ankles and shoulders? If the openwork is worn persistently on the chest when riding in the openwork cars in cool weather, it may promote pneumonia or even consumption. But, then, the doctors must live, and it is generally conceded that the doctors of medicine, as well as the doctors of divinity, are dependent upon the wingless angels who wear openwork stockings. And not only are the members of the learned professions dependent upon them for a living, but the rest of mankind

Not Struck a Lady

In Columbia and Crowd Wanted to Lynch Him-- He is Knocked Down by Railroad Commissioner Caughman's Son.

Columbia Record, Oct. 28.—There was much excitement on Main street last night near Plain and Isaac Brown, a notorious negro, narrowly escaped a lynching at the hands of an infuriated crowd. The negro struck a lady in the face with a whip or some other instrument. Mr. B. L. Caughman, and his son happened to witness the occurrence, and young Mr. Caughman immediately called the negro to account. The latter was not only insolent, but aggressive and Mr. Caughman knocked him down. The negro fought fiercely and Mr. Caughman took an effective hand in bringing him to terms. He, however, escaped, closely followed by Mr. Caughman, who finally caught him and turned him over to the police.

By this time the crowd learning of the occurrence became very much enraged and ominous cries of "lynch him" began quietly, but rapidly were assuming the proportions of an uproar. The police took the negro into the Postal telegraph office, and Sheriff Coleman went to their assistance. It was finally decided to take the negro out the back way to the police station so as to avoid the crowd.

This morning Recorder Stanley imposed a fine of \$40 or thirty days on the chain gang, the limit allowed him by law, though he would have been pleased to make it heavier. The negro will go on the gang.

How a Judge is Reducing Drunkenness.

Judge William Jeff Pollard, of the Second district police court, St. Louis, requires men who come before him for drunkenness to sign a pledge not to drink for a year. The judge has between seventy-five and one hundred men pledged at the present time, and only 1 per cent of the number has broken the promise. Recently a teamster who has a wife and three very young children was brought before Pollard and fined \$25. The judge agreed to remit the fine on the condition that the teamster take the pledge and also call once each week at the judge's house and report how he had kept the pledge, bringing his wife as witness. The teamster consented and his wages were saved for the family.

Rev. G. Ernest Thorne, a London clergyman, recently appeared for one night in a play at a regular theater. A small part was written in for him and he sang a couple of hymns, also announcing that every Sunday he holds meetings in the theater.

also relies upon them for happiness. Therefore, down with all conspiracies against the health and comfort of the salt of the earth, and let the good old Temperance Christian Union lady of Massachusetts proceed.—Baltimore Sun.

The President's Close Call.

Narrowly Escapes Watery Grave--His Vessel Collided With a Fruit Steamer.

New Orleans, Oct. 27.—A message from Nairn, La., sixty miles down the the river, announces that the lighthouse tender Magnolia, with the President on board, was in collision with the fruit steamer Esparate shortly after midnight. Capt. Rose, of the Esparate, reported both vessels aground at River Bank.

No one was seriously hurt. The President is safe and uninjured.

The Esparate with which the Magnolia collided, was inward bound with fruit from Costa Rica. She was pulled off shortly after the collision, practically undamaged. The Magnolia is fast aground, apparently considerably damaged.

Secretary Loeb, Surgeon Rixey and all the baggage were transferred to the Ivy with the President.

Although details are not complete it develops that the President had a narrow escape from losing his life, and the tender Magnolia was so much damaged that he had to abandon her.

The tender Ivy arrived at Port Eads at 7 o'clock. Ten minutes later the Ivy moved out into the Gulf. The weather was fine. The President went aboard the West Virginia at 9:40, and the cruiser got under way a few minutes afterwards.

Are We to Have Frog-Blooded Women?

Augusta Herald.

A little girl up in Massachusetts fell in the fire the other day and was frightfully burned. The surgeons in an attempt to save her life have taken the skins of 40 frogs and grafted them in her body. Several generations ago a man was run through a cotton gin. Every drop of blood ran out of his veins. Surgeons immediately went to a pond and caught 440,000 frogs. They took the blood from each of them and put it into the man's veins. He got well. Since that day the number of frog-blooded men has been constantly on the increase. If this little girl gets well, and we hope that she will, future generations of women may be as cold to the touch of a man as the frog-blooded men of today are to an appeal for help.

High Taxes and Whiskey.

From Abbeville Medium.

The night after the dispensary was voted out of Darlington county the town council of the town of Darlington met and raised the tax levy for the town six mills to make up for the dispensary profits to be withdrawn. The citizens of the town were paying at the rate of nine mills and now they will pay 15 mills. Add to this the State and county levy and the citizens of the town will pay about 37 mills.

The heavy tax might be endured if the drinking of whiskey would stop, but nothing of that kind will come to pass. It has not stopped in Pickens and Newberry and no doubt the blind tigers have entered Darlington. A few of them will be caught and punished but the majority will ply their trade with impunity.

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA, COUNTY OF LANCASTER.

By J. E. STEWMAN, ESQUIRE, Probate Judge.

WHEREAS, Maggie Wright made suit to me, to grant her letters of Administration of the Estate of and effects of Henry Howze,

THESE ARE THEREFORE to cite and admonish all and singular the kindred and Creditors of the said Henry Howze, deceased, that they be and appear before me in the Court of Probate, to be held at Lancaster, S. C. on Friday, the 3rd day of November, next after publication thereof, at 11 o'clock in the forenoon, to show cause, if any they have, why the said Administration should not be granted.

Given under my Hand, this 20th day of October, Anno Domini, 1905

J. E. STEWMAN, Probate Judge.

Oct. 21, 1905.—2w.

Notice to all Persons Indebted to the Lancaster Mercantile Co.

As you well know, we made some business changes the first of last year, and it is absolutely necessary that we must collect all past due notes and accounts in order to settle with the late members of our concern; therefore, we now ask our friends, whom we have been so liberal with, to now make arrangements at once to pay us. All past due notes and accounts not settled promptly will be placed in the hands of our lawyer for collection.

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